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SUBJECT: STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS

1. ON MONDAY, MAY 30, PANAMANIAN STUDENTS TOOK TO THE STREETS IN TWO SEPARATE DEMONSTRATIONS. SOME 500-700 SECONDARY STUDENTS MARCHED FROM THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE DOWNTOWN, ARRIVING AT THE EMBASSY AT ABOUT 0915. PROBABLY SOMEWHAT DISMAYED TO FIND THE EMBASSY CLOSED FOR THE MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY, THEY STAYED FOR ABOUT HALF-AN-HOUR ANYWAY, CHANTING SLOGANS AGAINST PRESIDENT CARTER AND HIS PLANNED VISIT. TWO STUDENTS MADE ANTI-GOP AND ANTI-U.S. SPEECHES. THE DEMONSTRATORS ALSO CARRIED SIGNS PROTESTING CHILE'S PINOCHET REGIME. THE DEMONSTRATION WAS PEACEFUL, AND NATIONAL INSTITUTE CLASSES WERE CANCELED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY.

2. MEANWHILE, ACROSS TOWN, STUDENTS FROM THE ARTS AND TRADES SCHOOL (ESCUELA DE ARTES Y OFICIOS) CLOSED THE TRANSISTHMIAN HIGHWAY TO TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT TWO HOURS IN PROTEST OF A LACK OF MATERIALS FOR USE IN CLASS. NO INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME AS TO THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS INVOLVED. ASIDE FROM
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SEVERE CONGESTION DUE TO THE RE-ROUTING OF MORNING TRAFFIC, NO DAMAGE WAS DONE. JORDEN

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